

**Resolution No. 25426**

A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article VIII, Section 1 of the City Charter to eliminate the requirement that the City Comptroller issue all licenses.

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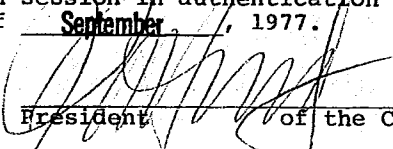
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE:

That Section 1 of Article VIII of the Charter of The City of Seattle be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. POWERS AND DUTIES OF CITY COMPTROLLER:

There shall be a city comptroller who shall exercise general supervision over the financial affairs of the city. He or she shall number and keep a record of all demands, showing the date of approval, amount and name of original holder, the number, on which account and out of what fund payable. He or she shall be required to be constantly acquainted with the exact condition of the treasury. He or she shall, on or before the fifth day of each month, or oftener, if required, report to the mayor and the city council the condition of each fund in the treasury. He or she shall keep a complete set of books by double entry system for the city, in which shall be set forth in plain and businesslike manner every money transaction of the city, so that he or she can at all times tell the exact condition of the city's finances. He or she shall sign all warrants upon the treasurer, and shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by law.

PASSED the City Council the 9 day of September, 1977 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 9 day of September, 1977.

  
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President of the City Council

Filed by me this 9 day of September, 1977.

ATTEST:   
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City Comptroller and City Clerk

By:   
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September 2, 1977

City Council  
Seattle

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request by letter of August 31, 1977 and in accordance with oral instructions from Mr. Casey Jones, Executive Director, we have prepared and forward herewith proposed resolutions and propositions amending the City Charter as follows:

- (1) A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article XVI of the City Charter to provide for the establishment of a personnel and civil service system by ordinance, and repealing Article V, Section 11 of the City Charter relating to the City Personnel Director.
- (2) A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article III, Section 1 of the City Charter to provide for the creation, consolidation and reorganization of City departments, divisions and offices by ordinance; amending Article VII to provide for the establishment by ordinance of a Board of Public Works to ensure that all contracts for public works are awarded and carried out in accordance with law, and providing for the designation of the City official newspaper by said Board; and amending Article XI, Section 1 of the City Charter relating to the Department of Parks and Recreation to eliminate the four year term of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation and the membership of such officer on the Board of Public Works and City Planning Commission.
- (3) A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article VIII, Section 1 of the City Charter to eliminate the requirement that the City Comptroller issue all licenses.

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- (4) A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article VI, Section 2 and repeal Article VI, Section 3 of the City Charter to eliminate the requirement for a competitive examination of candidates for the position of Chief of Police.
- (5) A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article XIII of the City Charter to change the title of "Corporation Counsel" to "City Attorney."

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSITIONS

- (6) A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article XVI, Section 1 of the City Charter to provide for selection of one member of the Civil Service Commission by the City Council.
- (7) A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article XVI, Section 9 of the City Charter to extend the probationary period for firefighters to twelve months.
- (8) A RESOLUTION AND PROPOSITION to amend Article V, Section 11 and Article XVI, Section 9 of the City Charter to provide that the chief examiner and secretary of the Civil Service Commission shall hold no other position or office in the public service of the City.

With respect to the proposed amendment of Article VIII Section 1 (Item (3) above) to eliminate the requirement therein that the City Comptroller issue all licenses, you ask that we advise whether such proposed amendment "will in fact enable the legislative authority to determine by ordinance who shall issue licenses." We advise that such is the purpose and effect of the proposed amendment.

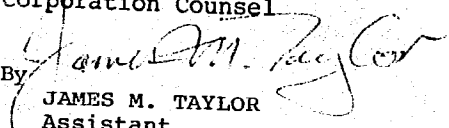
In connection with the proposed amendments of Articles VI and VII (Items (2) and (4) above) you ask that we draft language that would accomplish the City Council's intent that the Mayor file a statement of reasons for removal of the Chief of Police and members of the Board of Public Works "whether the removal is by firing or forced resignation." For such purpose we have included language in Section 1 of proposed Article VII and the proposed amendment of Section 2 of Article VI requiring that upon the resignation of such officers ". . . in response to the mayor's request, the

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mayor shall file with the city council a statement of his reasons for making such request."

Yours very truly,

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